

The Community Service Block Grant Program assists designated Community Action Agencies reduce poverty by providing a multitude of services including educational enrichment, day care, health care services, case management, services for children and the elderly, job training, self-sufficiency programming, and the development of affordable housing. Community Action Agencies directly aid in the coordination of social services within their community, as well as utilize the CSBG Program to leverage additional funding that can be used to address poverty.

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The Division of Housing and Community Resources provides financial and technical assistance to community-based nonprofit and local government agencies in an effort to improve the quality of life for New Jersey's low-income, disabled and disadvantaged citizens.



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## Helping Through Community-Based Programs and Services



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## Greetings from Governor McGreevey & Commissioner Levin

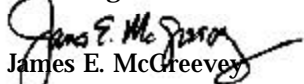
New Jersey is committed to providing comprehensive services for all of our residents. The Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Division of Housing and Community Resources manages the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program, offering a range of services and activities that address the causes of poverty in our state.

The CSBG Program provides funding to 27 designated Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and other eligible organizations throughout New Jersey's 21 counties and major cities. CSBG-funded services are directed toward low-income participants, including children and the elderly poor. Often, the low-income community works in tandem with public officials and the private sector in the design and implementation of these community-based programs.

On an annual basis, the program provides approximately \$16 million to eligible entities to provide community-based services. In the spring and summer of 2003 alone, DCA awarded more than \$140,000 in Community Service Block Grants to three youth programs throughout the state.

Community Services Block Grant funds are intended to help reach the goal of tackling symptoms of poverty in our state. Through this program, we are helping through community-based programs and services.

With all good wishes,



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## Who is Eligible for Assistance?

Grants are competitive and can be awarded to all types of nonprofit agencies, housing authorities, municipalities, counties and neighborhood organizations with 501(c)(3) status that serve low-income persons.

## What Types of Services are Provided?

Through the CSBG Program, the DCA oversees the appropriation of funds for services that typically fall into nine categories:

- Employment
- Education
- Income
- Housing
- Emergency Services
- Nutrition
- Linkages
- Self-sufficiency
- Health

Ninety percent of the funds must, according to federal law, be distributed to eligible entities. The remaining funds are used to support administrative costs, as well as ensure that any gaps in services are addressed. This is accomplished by funding innovative programming that meet DCA's identified priority areas.

## What Are the Designated CAAs?

- Atlantic Human Resources, Inc
- Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation (EOF)
- Bergen County Community Action Program (CAP), Inc
- Burlington County CAP, Inc
- Camden County OEO??
- Check-Mate, Inc
- Comité de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas (CATA)
- Essex County
- Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress, Inc
- Mercer County
- Jersey City
- Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation (EOC), Inc
- New Jersey Association on Correction, Inc
- North Hudson Community Action Corporation (CAC), Inc
- Northwest New Jersey CAP, Inc
- Ocean Community Economic Act Now (OCEAN), Inc
- Passaic County
- Paterson Task Force for Community Action, Inc
- City of Plainfield
- Powhatan Indians of the Delaware Valley, Inc
- Somerset CAP, Inc
- Tri-County CAP, Inc
- Union County
- United Community Corporation, Inc
- United Passaic Organization, Inc
- United Progress, Inc